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**BY ECF**

Hon. Edward R. Korman  
U.S. District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: *United States v. Afrasiabi*, 21 Cr. 46 (ERK)

Dear Judge Korman,

I write as stand-by counsel to Dr. Afrasiabi to inform the Court that Dr. Afrasiabi has decided to decline the government's plea offer. Accordingly, I ask that this case no longer be referred to Magistrate Judge Reyes for a change of plea hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Deirdre D. von Dornum  
Federal Defenders of New York  
*Stand-by Counsel*

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